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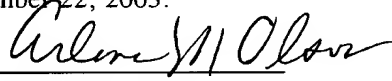
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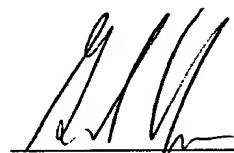
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Requirement for Restriction, dated May 21, 2003, be extended three months, from June 21, 2003 to September 22, 2003 (Monday).

A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or the accompanying Reply to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this latter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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